



Second Sunday After Epiphany

January 16, 2022, 10:30am

Gathering Online

The service live stream will begin shortly before 10:30. However, there will be no sound until the service begins. You can find the stream on the FBCH Facebook page or from our website: fbchhalifax.ca (click "Join us Online"). Services are also posted to the FBCH YouTube page on Sunday afternoon.

Prelude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Poco Adagio IV - D. Bédard (Six Interludes)

Welcome

Rusty Edwards

If joining on Facebook Live, we invite you to say hello to everyone by posting a comment to the live stream.

Lighting of the Christ Candle

In the shadows of life, Jesus proclaims himself our guiding light. No matter where we are or what circumstances we find ourselves in, Jesus is with us. We light this candle to remind us of the Light that never goes out.

Call to Worship

Rhonda Schofield

From *Wholehearted Faith* by Rachel Held Evans and Jeff Chu

Jesus promises that in him the life of faith will be resurrected. We work and pray for a resurrected church and a resurrected faith.

May our faith be resurrected to the way of humility.

May our faith be resurrected to the way of curiosity.

May our faith be resurrected to the way of mercy.

May our faith be resurrected to the way of service.

May our faith be resurrected to the way of wholeness.

May our faith be resurrected to the way of the cross.

May our faith be resurrected like Jesus.

May our faith be resurrected by love.

Prayer of Approach

Resurrecting God, you promise in Jesus a Way of faith this is life-giving and life-affirming. May we experience this life as we gather in community as the people of First Baptist Church Halifax. Amen.

My Song Is Love Unknown 209

1 My song is love un - known, my Sav - ior's love to
 2 He came from heav - en's throne sal - va - tion to be -
 3 Some - times we strew his way, and his sweet prais - es
 4 Un - heed - ing, we will have our dear Lord made a -
 5 Here might I stay and sing, no sto - ry so di -

me, love to the love - less shown that they might love - ly
 stow; the world that was his own would not its Sav - ior
 sing, re - sound - ing all the day ho - san - nas to our
 way, a mur - der - er to save, the prince of life to
 vine: nev - er was love, dear King, nev - er was grief like

be. O who am I that for my sake my
 know. But O my Friend, my Friend in - deed, who
 King. Then "Cru - ci - fy!" is all our breath, and
 slay. Yet stead - fast he to suf - fering goes, that
 thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I

Lord should take frail flesh, and die?
 at my need his life did spend!
 for his death we thirst and cry.
 he his foes from thence might free.
 all my days could glad - ly spend.

The opening line here could equally well have been a courtier's lament for a secret affair, but it soon becomes a path into a vivid and poignant reflection on Christ's Passion. This 17th-century text is beautifully embraced by its sensitive and lyrical 20th-century tune.

TEXT: Samuel Crossman, 1664, alt.
 MUSIC: John Ireland, 1918
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LOVE UNKNOWN
 6.6.6.6.4.4.4.4

Responsive Psalm 127:1-2

The Inclusive Bible Translation

If the LORD does not build the house, the builders work in vain; if the LORD does not guard the city, the sentries watch in vain.

Our trust is in the name of the LORD, our God.

In vain you get up early and stay up late, sweating to make a living, because God loves us and provides for us even while we sleep.

Our trust is in the name of the LORD, our God.

Children's Story

Rhonda Schofield

Doxology - OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all people here bellow, Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

Gospel Reading: John 2:13-25

New Revised Standard Version

^{2:13} The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.
¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables.
¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Abba's house a market-place!' ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'
¹⁸ The religious leaders* then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' ²⁰ The religious leaders then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' ²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.
²³ When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to testify about anyone; for he himself knew what was in everyone.

*The term "religious leaders" is used when "the Jews" specifically refers to religious leaders (note in vs. 13 the term more broadly means the Jewish community, and thus the term is maintained). Unfortunately, in Christian history really bad interpretation of John's use of this term has fueled antisemitism. It is important to acknowledge this part of our religious history and to thoughtfully and accurately translate the text in light of this history and in recognition of the different historical

context we find ourselves in compared to the Jewish followers of Jesus that comprised John's original audience.

Reader For the Word of God in Scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Spoken Reflection

Rusty Edwards

Faith Resurrected

Solo

Rosalie Dowling, Mezzo-Soprano

He Shall Feed His Flock - Handel (Messiah)

Prayers of the People

During the silent pause, those following on Facebook Live are invited to participate by offering prayers and prayer requests. May the comment feed be a reminder that we are gathered as a community.

Lord's Prayer

**Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.**

Hymn

Amazing Grace

1. Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
3. Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4. The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Benediction

Rusty Edwards

Danish Amen

Postlude

Lynette Wahlstrom, Organ

Amazing Grace - arr. Pardini



Offerings

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Truth & Reconciliation

Each Sunday, we list one of the Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. These Calls to Action remind us of Jesus' calling to love God and love our neighbours. May they guide us to put loving justice into action.

Legacy: Language and culture

15. We call upon the federal government to appoint, in consultation with Aboriginal groups, an Aboriginal Languages Commissioner. The commissioner should help promote Aboriginal languages and report on the adequacy of federal funding of Aboriginal-languages initiatives.



Thank you to our live stream worship leaders

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Rhonda Schofield, Interim Minister of Faith Development

Lynette Wahlstrom, Director of Music

Leander Mendoza, tenor

Rusty Edwards, Senior Minister



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